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MEETINGS:

Sunday, February 1st – 1:30 pm: Building Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 1st – 2:30 pm: Officers Meeting
Sunday, February 1st – 3:00 pm: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, January 30th – United Irish Counties 111th Annual Dinner Dance – Antun’s, 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 22nd – St. Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal Reception – Antun’s, 3 pm
Saturday, March 7th – County Cork B.P.&P. Association’s 131st St. Patrick’s Banquet – Antun’s, 7 pm
Tuesday, March 17th – New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade – lineup time/location TBA

COUNTY CORK B.P.&P. ASSOCIATION 131ST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S BANQUET: We are pleased to announce this year’s honorees who will be feted at Antun’s on Saturday, March 7th. Please see enclosed flyers for your reservation form and journal contract information.

- **2015 Cork Man of the Year Mr. Garret O’Mahony** (*Farranree, Cork City*)
- **2015 Cork Woman of the Year Ms. Sharon Crowley** (*Crookstown*)
- **Mr. James Cagney** (*Milford*) and his lovely wife **Bridget** (*Cork City*) are the co-recipients of the **Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award**.
- **Mr. Daniel Cronin** will be honored as a **50-Year Member** of the Association.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS, INSTALLATION & SCHOLARSHIP DANCE took place on Sunday, January 18th, 2015. A Mass for our Deceased Members was celebrated by our Chaplain, **Fr. James Drew**. Past President and current Aide to the Grand Marshal of NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade **Dan Dennehy** administered the oath of office to the 2015 Board of Officers. Scholarship Chairperson **Kathy McCarthy** presided over our annual Scholarship Awards presentation and dinner. Music for the evening was provided by the talented Gabriel Donohue and the dance floor was filled the whole evening. Many thanks to **Chairman Timothy Murphy** and all who helped to make this year’s event a success, including **Mae O’Driscoll, Denis McCarthy, Eileen O’Hea, Tresa Goodwin Smyth, Mary Hurley and Bob Coveny**.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 COUNTY CORK ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This was a very proud year for the Association as we awarded scholarships to six young scholars:

The **Christopher Murphy College Scholarship** was awarded to **Nicholas Browne**. Additional college level scholarships were awarded to **Conor Hurley**, who also won Best Essay, and **Daniel Murphy**.

The **Myra O'Connor High School Scholarship** was awarded to **Cara Dennehy**. Additional high-school level scholarships were awarded to **Reilly Browne** and **Emma Collins**.

Many thanks to all of the scholars for their hard work and to our Scholarship Chairperson Kathy McCarthy.

IMMIGRATION NEWS:

President Obama has announced his Executive Action to provide administrative relief to long-term undocumented parents of children who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, by giving them authorization to work legally and protecting them from deportation. Be advised that no one is eligible at this time for these benefits announced by the president. The applications process will not start before May 2015. Beware of any scams offering the ability to apply for benefits immediately under this new program. We will share updates as we get them.

Cork Phone Notification system: Be sure to sign up for the Cork Phone Notification system to get important updates on your phone. Send an E-mail with your telephone numbers or email address to the **new Cork E-Mail: nycorkbpp@gmail.com**

Address Changes: If you are moving or have moved recently, **please** remember to send a change of address card to the Cork Association at the address listed on the letterhead. Or you can contact **Corresponding Secretary Eileen O'Hea** (516) 557-7105

UNITED IRISH COUNTIES 111TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE will take place on Friday, January 30th, at Antun's of Queens Village. Deluxe cocktail hour begins at 7:30pm with dinner and dancing from 8:30pm to 12am. Mr. Connie O'Reilly and Mr. Michael Fogarty will be honored. Music by The New York Showband. Admission is \$85/pp. For reservations, please contact Anne Hearn at (917) 751-3484.

NYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL RECEPTION: will take place at 3pm on Sunday, February 22nd at Antun's. There are still spots available at the Cork tables so, if you are interested in attending, please contact Eileen O'Hea at (516) 557-7105. A Table Chairperson will be named at the upcoming February meeting.

QUEENS COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND ANNUAL BALL: The annual Queens County Ball will be held on Saturday, February 21st at Antun's. Honored that night will be Grand Marshal Steve Cassidy, President of Local 94. John Dunleavy, Director of the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade has been named Honorary Grand Marshal. Cocktail Hour, 7pm, followed by dinner and dancing. Music provided by The Celtic Justice Band. Tickets are \$100/pp. For information on reservations or journal ads, please visit www.queenscountyparade.org.

THE NEIL SHANAHAN EDUCATORS SEMINAR will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The seminar is open to the general public and is sponsored by the Irish American Heritage & Culture Committee, NYC Dept. of Education in collaboration with the American Irish Historical Society. It will be held at the American Irish Historical Society, 991 Fifth Ave., NYC starting at 10am. Registration begins at 9am. The topic is Irish and Irish American Women in the Making of the Modern World. Speakers include Irish Consul General, Barbara Jones and author, Mary Pat Kelly. A pre-registration tax-deductible donation of \$15.00 (\$20. at the door) includes refreshments. Pre-register at rmbks@aol.com or call (917) 576-2560.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to **Daniel Kevin Connolly (Skibbereen)** and his wife **Bridget Connolly** who joined at our January meeting. We look forward to seeing them at our meetings and get-togethers and getting to know them even better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES: Sending out a very Happy Birthday wish to our long-time member, **Mr. Philip McGrath**, who recently turned 95. Phil's father and brother were both past presidents of our organization, and was very active in the Association. He currently lives in New Haven, CT, with his son Matt – and we know he reads *The Rebel* – so Happy Birthday, Phil. Many happy returns on the day!

NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT: Donie Carroll seisiúns: Sunnyside Singers Club at Café Aubergine (Wednesdays, 8 pm) and The Globe (Fridays, 9:30 pm). Both venues are located on Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside. **Eileen Cronin** hosts the “Long Ireland Show” on Saturdays from 2-5 pm on WRHU 88.7 FM Hofstra University www.WRHU.org. **Tresa Goodwin Smyth** co-hosts the show “Ireland Calls” with her husband Tommy Smyth. Tune in on Saturdays at 6 pm to WVOX 1460 AM irelandcallsradioshow.com (Twitter: @irelandcalls). **Hugh O'Rourke** hosts the Leitrim Ceili on Tuesdays at 8pm on 90.3 FM.

CORK PUBLICANS/ RESTAURATEURS: Enjoy great food & drink at John Browne's **Grandstand Pub & Restaurant**, and on Friday nights you can practice for American Idol Karaoke. Enjoy great food, drink and craic at Pat Burke's **Woodbines** (woodbinesnyc.com) in Long Island City, **The Courtyard** (courtyardalehouse.com) located in Sunnyside, or **Brickyard Gastropub** (brickyardnyc.com). For the ultimate soccer viewing experience, visit **Nevada Smiths** (nevadasmiths.net), located at 100 Third Avenue (between 12th & 13th Streets). When you are in Scarsdale, be sure to visit Sharon Crowley and her staff at **The Garth Road Inn** (thegarthroadinn.com) for great food and great craic.

COUNTY CORK PIPE BAND is always looking for new members! Practices are held every Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm at the Cork Hall. Anyone interested can check out their Facebook page. Many Colleges offer Scholarships to experienced pipe & drum players, such as IONA and Manhattan College, among others.

ARE YOUR DUES IN ORDER? Please forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2015 to the attention **Kathy Feeley - Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the masthead of the newsletter. Please make an effort to catch up if you're in arrears, or ask Kathy and she will let you know the status of your dues.

Condolences

JAMES (JIMMY) BURKE

The Officers & Members of the County Cork B.P.&P. Association wish to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of long-time member James (Jimmy) Burke who passed away on December 31st at the age of 92. Jimmy was born in Charleville, Co. Cork, and most recently resided in Morristown, NJ. Jimmy was well known and active at the Association for many years and is remembered as “the best and kindest man” by all who knew him. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Cora. His three surviving daughters include: Ellen Hynes (Michael); Erin Miro (Claudio) and Maura Richholt (Dan). He was predeceased by his son, James (Denise). Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Erin and Christopher Hynes; Morgan, Ryan and Connor Burke; Michaela, Devon and Leon Miro; and Kara Richholt.

PATRICK BUCKLEY

Sincere condolences to our Past President Mary Power and her family on the tragic loss her cousin Patrick of Grenagh, County Cork, on December 31st. 2014 (following an accident). He is sadly missed by his loving wife, Patricia (nee Sheahan), sons Oliver and Mark, mother, Anne, sister Maryanne (Downing), aunt Mary, father-in-law John, sister-in-law Ann Marie, brothers-in-law Brendan, John and Joey, nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.

Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh a Anam

GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS: Prayers for **Mary English** as she recovers from a recent medical issue. Prayers also for restoration of health for **Liam Browne** and **Patrick & Karen Cross**. Get well wishes to **Alice Smith** who recently broke her hip and is in rehab at the Promenade Nursing home in Rockaway. Continued prayers for **Kitty Spedden, Dan O'Neill** and **Maisie Brophy**.

GOOD & WELFARE To report any births, marriages, illnesses, recoveries or deaths of a member or family member, contact **Eileen O'Hea @ 516-557-7105**.